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In re Application of FUKUDA ET AL. Appl No.: 09/372,009

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For: METHOD OF LONGITUDINALLY SEALING TUBULAR BAG-MAKING MATERIAL

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DECISION GRANTING

PETITION *37 CFR 1.181*

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed September 6, 2005 to review the holding of abandonment, mailed August 17, 2005 for failure to timely pay the issue fee due January 26, 2005. The petition is considered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181. No fee is required.

The petition is granted.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response and a copy of a PTO stamped post card receipt dated January 10, 2005. Furthermore, the original response is in the file.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 17, 2005 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff to return the application to an active status. The application will then be forwarded to the Office of Publications as there are no outstanding requirements.

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